



**Hispanic Heritage Month
September 26, 2013**

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has issued a [proclamation](#) declaring September 15, 2013 to October 15, 2013 Hispanic Heritage Month. The month long celebration commemorates the independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Also, September marks the anniversary of Mexico and Chile's independence. Recently, Governor Cuomo [unveiled the 2013 Hispanic Heritage Exhibit](#) at the State Capitol which showcases the influence of Hispanic and Latino artists and their contributions to our culture and communities. This year's theme, "Hispanics: Serving and Leading Our Nation with Pride and Honor," allows us to celebrate those with a Hispanic descent and all their accomplishments within NY state government, DOCCS and other state agencies. Acting Commissioner Anthony J. Annucci and The Department of Corrections and Community Supervision has chosen to officially celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a guest speaker followed by a reception.